

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 13th November 2011

IRTS Committee Meeting

The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on 10th December at 11.00 in Portlaoise. Affiliated clubs are encouraged to send a representative.

South Dublin Radio Club

There will be a talk at South Dublin Radio Club on Tuesday 15th of November.

It will be given by Paul O Kane EI5DI, one of the two EI's who took part in T32C DXpedition to Kiritamiti (Christmas Island). All events at the club are open to visitors and we would encourage everyone to come along to Ballroan community centre on the Marian Road in Dublin.

www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The MREN Rally would be held on November 20th this year at its now established venue of The Welcome Inn Hotel in Castlebar. All the usual traders attending and as always it promises to be a very enjoyable rally. An opportunity to meet old and new friends. Doors open at 11am.

DXCC Awards

Congratulations to Tony EI7JN, who is EI's newest DXCC Award holder. Tony has joined the DXCC list with 209 entities confirmed. As a matter of interest, Tony tells us that almost 80% of these confirmations came through Logbook of the World.

See www.irts.ie/dxcc for the latest EI DXCC list. We note in particular that Declan EI6FR now has all 341 current DXCC entities confirmed. With the big improvement in conditions on the higher bands in recent weeks there has been plenty of DX activity over this period, which no doubt will shortly be reflected in the DXCC listings.

DX News

A large multi-national team will be QRV from Nepal from 13 November until 25 November. The callsign to look out for is 9N7MD. Activity will be on all bands in SSB, CW and RTTY. The QSL Manager is IK2VUC and logs will also be uploaded to Logbook of the World.

Islands on the Air Award enthusiasts will have the opportunity to work a new one this week when 7Z7AA comes on the air from 17 – 25 November. The QTH will be Jabal Al Lith Island in the Red Sea .The IOTA Reference Number is AS-191 and QSL info is via 7Z1CQ. In addition this will probably be a new one for the WPX hunters.

Antonio DL4EA will be back in Zimbabwe for a couple of weeks starting 13 November. As before he will be using the call Z24EA and will be active on all bands 160 – 6m. He hopes to have lots of contacts on 6m so please look out for him.

Sig NV7E who also holds the callsign ZS6SIG will be working in Kenya for the next three years. He enjoys working DX and will be QRV as 5Z4EE on all bands 80 – 10m. QSLs go via the W7 bureau or direct to his address on QRZ.COM.

T2T Tuvalu

Following the cancellation of the C21A Nauru expedition, Pacific DXers team members VK4AN, VK4FW, VK4NEF, NL8F, K4ZLE and W5SL now plan to be active from Tuvalu as T2T between November 11 to December 8, 2011.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

Michael, EI5GG will give special demonstration and instruction on ATV on Wednesday 16th November 2011 at 8pm sharp at the club QTHR. All are welcome.

Extra Long Electrical Arcs

Researchers at the University of Canterbury, in New Zealand, have developed a new, lower-voltage method of generating extra-long, lightning-like electrical arcs. The arcs are created when an electrical impulse is applied to a thin copper wire that subsequently explodes. By jump-starting the arcs using exploding wires, as opposed to the traditional method of directly breaking down air, the researchers reduced the amount of voltage needed to create an arc of a given length by more than 95 percent.

Thailand Amateur Radio

At a recent gathering hosted by Thailand's amateur radio society, RAST, those present heard how RAST Secretary Wacharaphol, HS4DDQ, and his team working with the Public Health Ministry and using the callsign HS0AC had helped to save almost 1,000 lives by coordinating rescue communications in cases of medical emergencies.

Old QSL Collection

Jean Michel, F6AJA, wants to remind everyone to visit the Les Nouvelles DX (LNDX) Web page to see more than 9500 old amateur radio QSL cards in several different albums/galleries. The website can be viewed on LesNouvellesDX.free.fr

EI4GXB Radio Theory Notes

Ger EI4GXB advises us that he has uploaded files to the Radio Theory section of his website which he has used for the theory class last year in Limerick. They may be of help to any candidates sitting the examination in 2012. Go to www.ei4gxb.com for further details. Comments welcome to Ger on ei4gxb /at/ gmail /dot /com

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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